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Thirty-seventh Meeting

Summary record of the 44th meeting
Held at Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 28 August 2018, at 10 a.m.

Temporary Chair: Ms. Hui Lu ..... (Representative of the Secretary-General)
Chair: Mr. García Moritán ..... (Argentina)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. **The Temporary Chair**, speaking on behalf of the Secretary-General, declared open the thirty-seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the main purpose of which was to elect, in accordance with part IV of the Covenant, one member of the Human Rights Committee to replace Ms. Seibert-Fohr, who had resigned with effect from 1 March 2018 and whose term was due to expire on 31 December 2020.

2. She recalled that a regular update on developments regarding the Covenant and the work of the Committee had been given at the thirty-sixth Meeting of States Parties held on 7 June 2018. Nine members of the Committee had been also elected at that Meeting to replace those members whose terms of office would expire on 31 December 2018.

Election of the Chair

3. **Ms. Kaszás** (Hungary) nominated Mr. García Moritán (Argentina) for the office of Chair of the Meeting.

4. *Mr. García Moritán (Argentina) was elected Chair by acclamation.*

5. *Mr. García Moritán (Argentina) took the Chair.*

Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/SP/90)

6. *The agenda was adopted.*

Election of other officers of the Meeting

7. *Mr. Furumoto (Japan), Ms. Kaszás (Hungary) and Mr. Buttigieg were elected Vice-Chairs by acclamation.*

8. **The Chair** drew attention to rules 2 and 3 of the rules of procedure (CCPR/SP/2/Rev.1). Rule 2 provided that the credentials of representatives and the names of delegation members should be submitted to the Secretary-General not later than one week before a Meeting and that such credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. In a note of 30 July 2018, the Secretary-General had invited States parties to forward to him the credentials of their representatives, but a number of them had not yet done so. He suggested that, in accordance with rule 3, the representatives of those States parties should be entitled provisionally to participate in the Meeting. He urged them to ensure that their credentials were submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

9. *It was so decided.*

Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee for the remainder of a term expiring on 31 December 2020 (CCPR/SP/91)

10. **The Chair** said that, pursuant to article 33, paragraph 2, and article 34, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, the Secretary-General had declared the seat of Ms. Seibert-Fohr (Germany) vacant following her resignation and, by note verbale of 2 May 2018, had invited States parties to submit nominations to fill that vacancy. He drew attention to articles 29 to 31 of the Covenant, which concerned the election of members of the Human Rights Committee, and to the fact that Mr. Zimmermann (Germany) was the only candidate on the list of candidates (CCPR/SP/91). Therefore, in accordance with previous practice, he suggested that the Meeting should decide to dispense with a secret ballot and elect Mr. Zimmermann by acclamation.

11. *It was so decided.*

12. *Mr. Zimmermann (Germany) was elected a member of the Human Rights Committee by acclamation for the remainder of a term ending on 31 December 2020.*

Closure of the Meeting

13. **The Chair** declared closed the thirty-seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.

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